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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/ARN DRAPER

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SUBJECT: AID STAFF

REF: PARKER-DRAPER LETTER OF JANUARY 5

1. TO RELIEVE THE BURDENS ON TOM IRVIN, AID IS PREPARING
TO SEND A GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AT THE FRS-3 OR
FRS-4 LEVEL. WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE A CANDIDATE IN MIND
NOW, THAT HE IS READY TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, AND THAT HE
WOULD COME FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

2. I WONDER WHETHER THIS IS THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.
IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE WORKLOAD ON IRVIN WILL BE VERY
HEAVY OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, AS THE FY 78 MONEY IS
PROGRAMMED, BUT THAT THE PAPERWORK SHOULD SLACK OFF MARK-
EDLY AFTER THAT, ESPECIALLY IF THERE IS NO FY 79 PROGRAM.
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3. I ALSO WONDER, IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR INCREASING SECURITY
PROBLEMS WHETHER NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO STOP THE AID OFFICE
FROM TURNING PERMANENTLY INTO A MISSION, WITH ALL THE
SUPPORT AND EXPOSURE THAT ENTAILS.

4. ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE TO ASK AID TO FIND AN OFFICER,

PREFERABLY AT THE FSR-5 LEVEL OR BELOW, WHO IS WILLING

TO HELP TOM IRVIN ON A SIX-MONTH TDY.

5. WE NEED YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FAST IF WE ARE TO INTER-
VENE EFFECTIVELY ON THIS. VANCE

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